

# HIS DAYS IN JAIL ENDED BY MORPHINE.

## "Fanola," Ex-Bareback Rider, Kills Himself in Tamsen's Prison.

### Forsakes the Circus Ring for Patent Medicine and Gets Into Trouble.

#### Arrested for Counterfeiting Trade Marks and Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

IS REAL NAME CHARLES H. FERRON.

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death was caused by the morphine.

"Fanola," told bareback rider, known in  
life outside the sawdust arena and in  
Ludlow Street Jail, where he was a pris-

soner, told me I would get into some great trouble  
and to save my family from disaster I would  
commit suicide. Ever since I have carried it  
for an emergency. I leave my wife, a good noble  
woman, and innocent child behind. May God  
help them and take pity on them. Please turn  
my body over to my friends for burial or, if  
they fail, to the Brooklyn Lodge of Elks, No. 2.

# GEORGE LAW DIES OF CEREBRAL MENINGITIS.

## Ill for a Month and Unconscious for Twenty-four Hours Before Death.

### Surrounded by His Family and Rela- tives, the Millionaire Street Rail- road Man Passes Away.

#### INCIDENTS WHICH BROUGHT NOTORIETY

##### His Lavish Entertainment of a Party of Pug- ilists at Saratoga—Breach of Promise Suit Against Him and His Re- taliatory—His Odd Ways.

George Law, the millionaire street rail-  
way man, died at his home, No. 253 Fifth  
avenue, at 3:30 p. m., yesterday. At his  
bedside were his wife, a bride of two  
years; his sisters, Mrs. Wright and Mrs.  
Williams; Mrs. Law's grandfather and  
grandmother; Dr. Martin Burke, the fam-  
ily physician, and the Rev. Dr. David J.  
Burrell, of the Collegiate Church.

Mr. Law had been unconscious for twenty-  
four hours, and had been ill for four  
weeks. At the outset he underwent an  
operation similar to that for appendicitis,  
which was performed by Dr. Burke. He  
recovered from that, but suffered a relapse,  
which the skill of Drs. Burke, Janeway  
and Gourley could not overcome.

The immediate cause of death, Dr. Burke  
said, was cerebral meningitis, or inflammation  
of the brain.

George Law was born in this city fifty-  
three years ago, and was the son of George  
Law, who built High Bridge and the old  
cableway, and was a member of the East  
River ferries and the Eighth and Ninth  
avenue street car lines. He was the  
Know-Nothing candidate for President in  
1856, and at his death left an estate of  
\$10,000,000. Of this \$8,000,000 was willed  
to his son George. There were four other  
children—Josephine, Sally, Samuel and  
Anne.

Law was graduated from Columbia Col-  
lege. He then entered the street railway  
business, and his father made him serve  
as a car driver and conductor.

Many stories are told of his exploits at  
this period. One of the most character-  
istic and amusing of them is how he went  
after a drink one cold, rainy night. Chilled  
through, the millionaire car driver was  
passing Fifty-first street when one of his  
Columbia College chums jumped aboard  
and suggested that he stop the car at  
Fifty-fifth street and get a drink around  
the corner.

Law improved upon the suggestion.  
When he reached Fifty-fifth street he  
pulled out the track and drove the car up  
in front of the saloon. The passengers fol-  
lowed and Law treated all hands. Then  
the car was driven back to the track and  
continued its journey.

When he inherited his great fortune he  
started in to enjoy life after his own  
fashion. He belonged to a remarkable set  
of men about town, included in which  
were Wright Sanford, Fred May,  
Herman Oelrichs and Ernest Staples.

Mr. Law was an ardent lover of the art  
of self-defense, and this made him fond  
of the companionship of pugilists and sporting  
men. He was not much of a social man,  
and in preference to cutting a dash at New-  
port he would go to a saloon and sit on  
the stool of a local boy.

He was fond of books and had a collection  
of more than 9,000 volumes. His paintings  
were of the old masters, and his library  
was filled with high-priced books and  
quaint curios from all parts of the world.

Although he had a large acquaintance  
with racing men, he had no love for race  
horses. His turpitude, while costly, was  
not of the kind which would lead him to  
his prime one of the best whips in New  
York.

In 1880 he created a sensation by charter-  
ing a special train and inviting a large  
number of pugilists and other sporting  
men to accompany him to Saratoga. Among  
the names were those of Ochiltree and  
"Doc" Cohen. For several days the sports  
were entertained in first class style at  
Saratoga, and before their departure they  
were given a diamond ring and watches. This exploit  
cost him \$10,000.

In 1885 a rumor spread that Mr. Law  
was to be married to a young woman, Miss  
Alma Smith, by the Rev. Arthur B. Judge,  
assistant pastor of the Church of the  
Heavenly Host. After his marriage Mr.  
Law gave up his sporting friends.

Miss Mack said him for breach of prom-  
ise. He retorted by trying to collect from  
her \$3,000, which he said, he had advanced to  
her on notes. He got judgments. On  
her twenty-fourth birthday, that Mrs. Mack  
came into \$10,000 from a trust fund. If  
the Sheriff had levied promptly the mis-  
take would have been got rid of long ago.

During the civil war Colonel Middleton  
served five years and three months, enter-  
ing as a private in the Thirtieth Regiment  
of Brooklyn. He was three times wounded.  
He received honorable mention from Gen-  
erals Meade, Hancock, Zook and French.  
He is a prominent member of the Harlem  
Regiment Club.

Mr. Harris refused to discuss his dis-  
missal.

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